

## **ABSTRACT**

Perception of video clip is enabled in an instant messaging communications session by storing on a host system one or more video clips, receiving the request at the host system  
5 for a selected video clip to be delivered to an instant messaging participant system, accessing the selected video clip stored at the host system, and communicating the selected video clip from the host system to the instant messaging participant system for rendering in an instant messaging application running on the instant messaging participant system.

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